

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 9th October 2020

This day in history

1897 Henry Stumey set off in his 4.5hp Daimler from Land's End, and became the first person to drive to John o' Groats. His 929 mile journey took him 10 days.



Face Masks

Face masks are not required for children under 12 according to the government guidance. If your child wears a mask to school, we would ask that disposable masks are disposed of in the bin at the door and reusable masks are stored in a plastic ziplock bag until home time and washed everyday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to tell you personally that from October half term I will be taking a sabbatical from school, I will be returning to Leadgate Primary but this will not be within the current academic year.

I feel very privileged to have supported the children through the transition back into school life after such a chaotic time and they have all made excellent strides in returning to a more normal life. Thank you for all your support, encouragement and participation in school life in the past year. I wish you and the children all the best and would like to thank you all again, they are a lovely bunch!

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Nesom

PE Kits

PE kits should be worn to school on the days the children have PE to minimise the number of bags coming in to school. The PE days for each class are listed below

- REC – Tuesday and Thursday
- Y1 – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Y2 – Monday and Thursday
- Y3 – Wednesday and Friday
- Y4 – Tuesday and Friday
- Y5 – Monday and Thursday
- Y6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

As the weather gets colder please ensure you send your child in with a jacket and joggers or leggings as their PE kit.

Class Teachers have also provided reminders on Class Dojo of when their classes are having PE to help the children get into their new routines.

Remote Learning Survey

Dear parent / carer,

If you haven't already completed our whole school survey on remote learning please take the time to complete as this will help us shape our future provision. The survey will only take approximately 3 minutes to complete.

Please complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPSHomeLearning>

A link was also emailed out to parents last Friday afternoon.

**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



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Secondary School Places for September 2021

If your child is in Year 6 and will be transferring to secondary school in September 2021, you must apply for their school place before October 31st 2020. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

Reception Places for September 2021

If your child turns 5 between 1st of September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2021. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. Applications are now open.

You still need to apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Nursery.

Class Dojo

We would like to remind all families to sign up for a parent account on ClassDojo. It is a quick and easy way to communicate with your child's teacher and will be the primary method we will share work and information with you if we have to close your child's bubble or whole school.

So far this week we have sent 116 message home, shared 5 stories and celebrated 581 skills across the school. It has also been great to see parents sharing work and activities from home so quickly and easily and allowing staff to celebrate these achievements in school.

PLEASE CONTACT TO SCHOOL OFFICE FOR SUPPORT IF YOU HAVE STILL NOT SIGNED UP FOR CLASS DOJO or are experiencing any difficulties



Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. Thornhill Primary now administers the School Benevolent Fund on behalf of all schools across County Durham. This is a registered charity which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils.

A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes depending on parents/guardians meeting a number of criteria.

To apply for the school benevolent fund, go to <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund>

download and complete School Benevolent Fund Application Form and return to:

School Benevolent Fund
Thornhill Primary School
Thornhill Gardens
Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1ES
Telephone: 01388 772 906

Well done to everyone for a fantastic week of attendance!

Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	80.0%
Year 6	77.0%

Our School Target is at least 97% attendance.

Covid Test Kits / RESULTS

The government has provided schools with a very limited number of kits to be provided in exceptional circumstances. Please contact school if you require further information.

IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY TEST POSITIVE OUTSIDE OF NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES BEFORE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

TELEPHONE 01207 610351

EMAIL P2259.admin@durhamlearning.net

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NSPCC – SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE.

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities.

The assembly and lessons will take place across the whole school on Tuesday 13th October.

Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find more information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Watson

Headteacher



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Speak out. Stay safe.
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Receive a Christmas Hamper

Are you in need of help to feed your family at Christmas?

Feeding Families aims to help those most in need of help and support at what can be a difficult and expensive time of year, with the help of volunteers willing to use their own money to provide some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than themselves. They can't guarantee to supply everyone who applies, as they are reliant on the generosity of their donors, so please do think carefully before applying - please don't just apply because you can, but because you really need help.

Feeding Families is a small charity and they do their best to help as many families as possible enjoy the Christmas season without worrying about food. Due to the Covid pandemic this year we expect applications to increase and we may not be able to guarantee that every applicant will receive a matched hamper. In order to increase your chance of receiving, please remember these points and help us to help you.

Apply early - The application process is open between 6th October and 30th November 2020.

Submit the documents you are asked for correctly first time

Inform them of any changes

Communicate with your donor

Please visit the website www.feedingfamilies.org for more information.

Donate a Christmas Hamper

Christmas raises expectations in all of us of happy times, good food and gifts. For many families, however, it is just another stress on top of the daily challenges of living. The added expense of providing special things for their family can be overwhelmingly difficult and none of us would want to see our children without a decent meal and a present under the tree. For others, especially those who are alone, it might not seem that anyone cares and it's not worth making the effort.

This is where Feeding Families can help. Feeding Families is built around the generosity of people willing to help those less fortunate than themselves to enjoy Christmas.

They accept requests for hampers from anyone who is in genuine need (subject to meeting our criteria), and match them up with kind hearted people who donate a Christmas Hamper full of everything to make a special Christmas dinner. It's just one less thing for the recipient to have to worry about.

The matching process will open later in the year, and they will accept registrations from donors from 1 November 2020. If you would like to donate a hamper please register at the website below.

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